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**Subpart A—General Provisions**

**§ 518.1 Purpose.**

This part provides policies and procedures for implementation of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552, as amended) and Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5400.7 and promotes uniformity in the Department of Defense (DoD) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program. This Army regulation implements provisions for access and release of information from all Army information systems (automated and manual) in support of Army Information Management (AR 25–1).

**§ 518.2 References.**

Required and related publications are listed in Appendix A of this part.

**§ 518.3 Explanation of abbreviations and terms.**

Abbreviations and special terms used in this part are explained in the glossary of AR 25–55.

**§ 518.4 Responsibilities.**

(a) The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (AASA) is

responsible for issuing policy and establishing guidance for the Army FOIA Program. AASA has the responsibility to approve exceptions to this regulation that are consistent with controlling law and regulations. AASA may delegate the approval authority, in writing, to a division chief, under its supervision, within that agency in the grade of O6 or civilian equivalent.

(b) The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, (AASA), The Records and Programs Agency, (RPA), Records Management and Declassification Agency (RMDA), is responsible for developing and recommending policy to AASA concerning the Army FOIA program and overall execution of the program under the policy and guidance of AASA.

(c) The Chief of Information Officer (CIO), G6 will provide oversight of the FOIA program as necessary in compliance with Federal Statutes, regulations, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Office of Secretary of Defense (OSD).

(d) Heads of Army Staff agencies, field operating agencies, major Army commands (MACOMS), and subordinate commands are responsible for the supervision and execution of the FOIA program in functional areas and activities under their command.

(e) Heads of Joint Service agencies or commands for which the Army is the Executive Agent, or otherwise has responsibility for providing fiscal, logistical, or administrative support, will adhere to the policies and procedures in this regulation.

(f) Commander, Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), is responsible for the supervision of the FOIA program within that command pursuant to this part.

**§ 518.5 Authority.**

(a) This part governs written FOIA requests from members of the public. It does not preclude the release of personnel or other records to agencies or individuals in the Federal Government for use in official work.

(b) Soldiers and civilian employees of the Department of the Army (DA) may, as private citizens, request DA or other agencies' records under the FOIA. They